

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 by rewriting the same as follows:

1. (Presently Amended) A ~~method~~ process for producing a silicone mold useful for baking a food product comprising the steps of:
 - (a) preparing a flexible and foldable mould, said mould being formed essentially from about 100 weight parts of a heat curable silicone elastomer material ~~by~~ and cross-linking said silicone elastomer in the presence of about 0.5 to 2.0 weight parts of a peroxide ~~as a cross-linking agent~~;
 - (b) baking said mould at an elevated temperature for a period of time sufficient to obtain a flexible and foldable mould product;
 - (c) rinsing said baked mould with boiling water for a period of time sufficient to remove the odor of the peroxide cross-linking agent therefrom; and,
 - (d) cleaning said rinsed mould by exposing it to ultrasonic treatment.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the rinsing with boiling water is conducted for from 4 to 16 hours.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ultrasonic treatment is conducted for from 5 to 30 minutes.
6. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the silicone elastomer material is a heat-curable silicone elastomer of the type intended for applications in contact with foodstuffs.
7. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the silicone elastomer contains methyl-vinyl polysiloxane.
8. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cross-linking agent is selected from the group consisting of benzoyl peroxide, bis-(2,4-dichlorobenzoyl) peroxide, dicumyl peroxide, di-tert-butyl peroxide, sym-chlorobutyl peroxide, 2,5-dimethyl-2,5-di-tert-butylperoxy hexane, di-tert-

butylperoxy peroxide, 2,5-dimethyl-2,5-bis(tert-butylperoxy) hexane and tert-butyl cumyl peroxide.

9. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cross-linking agent is 2,5-dimethyl-2,5-di-tert-butylperoxy hexane.

10. (Original) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cross-linking agent used is in amount of 0.3-4 wt %, based on the total weight of other raw materials.

11. (Previously Added) The process as claimed in claim 1 that includes:

- (a) placing a food product to be baked into said mould;
- (b) placing said mould containing said food product into a bake oven, said bake oven being at a baking temperature;
- (c) maintaining said baking temperature for a period of time sufficient to bake said food product;
- (d) removing said mould containing said baked food product from said oven; and,
- (e) removing said baked food product from said mould.